

New England

Ecological Services Field Office

in New Hampshire

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Headquarters located in Concord, New Hampshire, with satellites in Sunderland, Massachusetts, Old Town, Maine and Charlestown, Rhode Island.

Purpose

Field office staff work with landowners, private organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve fish and wildlife resources in New England.

Management Activities

- In partnership with other agencies and organizations, restore populations of plants and animals on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Provide technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid or minimize the environmental impacts of wetland development projects.
- With public and private partners, develop ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate harmful effects of hydropower projects.

- Assess effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife resources, obtain compensation for and restore wildlife injured by contaminants, and resolve contaminant problems on existing and proposed Service lands.
- Carry out the Department of the Interior's responsibilities on oil and chemical spill response teams.
- In partnership with other agencies and conservation organizations, restore degraded habitat and remove barriers to fish passage.

Highlights

The Service's involvement in the Superfund program has resulted in natural resource damage settlements totaling more than \$400,000 and protection of more than 400 acres of wildlife habitat. The Service is currently working with the state and FPL Energy to restore over 40 acres of salt marsh at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

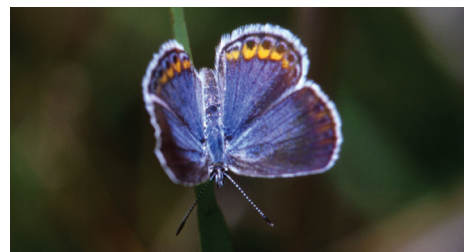
The Service and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game are cooperating in re-establishing the endangered Karner blue butterfly on 400 acres of the Concord Airport. In 2005, more than 1,300 captive-raised Karner blue butterflies were released in the Concord Pine Barrens on and near the airport.

The Service, working with the state, municipalities and private entities, continues to collaborate on voluntary dam removal projects to restore fish habitat throughout the state.

As a result of a Service study documenting the toxic effects on wildlife of lost and discarded lead sinkers, the state legislature passed a bill banning the use of small lead fishing sinkers throughout the state.

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Karner blue butterfly

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An additional and significant population of endangered dwarf wedgemussels was discovered on the mainstem Connecticut River, which now hosts the world's largest population of this tiny mussel.

Issues

Biologists continue to monitor high levels of mercury in wildlife in the southeastern portion of the state.

The Service continues to work with state and federal agencies on a proposal to widen 17 miles of I-93.

The Service is working with other agencies on the Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant permit and investigating the possible impact of discharge of high levels of metals on dwarf wedgemussels in the Ashuelot River.

Service and state biologists are coordinating with the town of Seabrook on their draft beach management plan.

